

BIG SANDY NEWS.

Friday, July 24, 1914.

Refrigerators at Snyder's. tf-6-12
Fresh line of paint at Snyder's.

Nice lawn seats for sale at Snyder's.

Mrs. A. J. Garred entertained the Finch Club last week.

Croquet sets at Snyder Hardware Company's. tf-6-12

HATS! HATS! HATS! At your own price. Justice's Store. 4-17

Miss Elizabeth Lester has taken charge as principal of the Gallup public school.

Montello S. Halcher has been appointed postmaster at Pinson Fork, Pike county.

For Fire Insurance in an Old Line Company see G. R. Burgess at the Louisa National Bank. tf-3-6

LOST: Red bear pig with black spots. Weighs 30 to 40 lbs. Lost about July 1st. WALTER CLAYTON, Louisa, Ky. 11

Miss Nora Simmons and Miss Goldie Dyrington have taken charge of the schools at Clifford and Saltwater, respectively.

The friends of Mr. James W. Shannon are sorry to know that he does not seem to be any better. His condition is very serious.

Claude Blair, an employee of the Lobaco Bakery, lost the end of the little finger of his left hand in one of the machines at the plant one day last week.

The Civil Service Commission will hold an examination for postoffice clerks and letter carriers for Catlettsburg, which will be held in that city August 8th.

You will find the most complete and up-to-date line of new summer goods and best prices that has ever been offered to the people of this vicinity, now on display at JUSTICE'S Store, near depot. tf-3-13

G. A. Naah, formerly of Louisa, was here Wednesday. He will go to Louisville August 1st to accept a position as manager of the shoe business in a large department store.

Dana O'Neal, of this city, will be a clerk in the Louisa postoffice when Mr. Dixon assumes charge. He is now behind the cabinet, getting "the hang of the schoolhouse."

Quite a number of Louisians "enjoyed" a hay ride to Busseyville last Monday night. Almost any one of the party will tell you what a real lovely time they expected to have.

On Wednesday last Dr. L. H. York, York, assisted by Dr. Bromley, operated on Mrs. Martha McClure for dropsy. A large quantity of fluid was removed and she feels much better.

The John M. Sagraves Co., of Huntington, W. Va., are exclusive agents in twenty-six counties for the WHITE Sewing Machines. Their operating expenses are derived from the Stoves and Range business, and they will make interesting propositions on Sewing Machines. 21-7-24

Bids are being asked for to pave the street to the bridge in the east end of Paintsville. It is the hope of the town board to have this street paved before bad weather. The street leaving from Link Rice's place to the city limits in the west end of Paintsville and the third street will also be paved.—Paintsville Herald.

Eddy Collins, aged 35 years, was drowned last Friday in the river a short distance above Paintsville. Collins went to the river for a bucket of water and by some means fell into the river. He was subject to fits and it is supposed that while in one of these fits he fell into the river.—Paintsville Herald.

TO SHEEP RAISERS.
To all who are interested in breeding and growing good sheep, I have several good young rams for sale, suitable for breeding purposes. Write or call on me. C. C. PLANERY, Webbville, Ky. 21-7-31

We want our customers to know how it is possible for us to sell Sewing Machines at a lower price than regular Sewing Machine agents. Our operating expenses are derived from our general line of Stoves and Ranges and Household goods. We carry a large stock of the famous WHITE SEWING MACHINES as a side line. You will not find better machines than the WHITE. Write for our special prices and terms.

THE JOHN M. SAGRAGES CO.
HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

RED MEN'S BANQUET.
Cohota Tribe No. 150 of the Redmen celebrated their annual feast of corn and wine on Saturday night last. Buck moon has many chivalrous occasions for them, and this tribe came out in goodly numbers. The newly elected sachem, H. C. Sullivan, gave them a timely and encouraging speech which was kindly received and cheered. W. T. Cain installed the officers in an efficient and pleasing manner. J. B. McClure made an excellent talk as our new prophet, and Bro. Melroy Copley made an enthusiastic speech along the line of keeping our orphan children of home with their mother, etc.

We had a nice time together in the closing festivities, enjoying cream, ice, cakes, etc. We all enjoyed the occasion to the fullest. W. W. YOUNG.

ATTENTION, DEMOCRATS.
Webbville, Ky., July 21.
I want to remind the Democrats of Lawrence county of the candidacy of Congressman Fields. He deserves reelection. His experience is worth much. A new man can do nothing the first time. Let's go back to Congress, whom are worthy. Go to the nearly every State in the Union.

PERSONAL WHISTLES PLACED UNDER BAN BY C. & O.

C. & O. employees have been notified that all personal property on engines such as whistles, etc., must be removed and hereafter an engineer will not be able to have his personal whistle.

The company, in a bulletin posted at the C. & O. offices and yard rooms declared that the action was rendered necessary because of the fact that a suit was entered against the company a short time ago at Paintsville by an engineer, who claimed that someone had stolen his whistle from his engine. Although the engineers hate to part company with their little personal properties that individualized their engines, they have begun to comply with the order and within a day or so all of the little personal belongings of train employees now attached to the trains, will be discarded.

RESOLUTIONS.

We the committee on resolutions submit the following:

1. We approve of the time and place of holding this institute.
2. That we extend our profound thanks to our Supt. J. H. Ekers for the fair and impartial manner in which he has conducted the school interests of the county since his induction into office, and we feel that his administration will be fraught with much good for the rural schools of our county. And we, also, feel that his administration makes the return to more sane principles of education in the rural schools.
3. We approve of the able manner in which Prof. Sharon has conducted this institute and cheerfully recommend him as an institute instructor of ability and skill; and heartily endorse the sound and efficient work he has placed before the teachers of our institute.
4. We favor a higher standard of education and the consolidation of schools wherever practicable.
5. That we approve the county high school as already established, and appeal to each teacher to furnish at least one pupil for this work the coming year.
6. That we approve of the uniform school book law passed by the last legislature.
7. That we favor the teaching of Agriculture, Domestic Science, and Manual Training in the home through the school, so far as is wise and practicable.
8. That we thank the Rev. C. B. Plummer for the able and efficient manner in which he conducted the music and devotional exercises.
9. That we thank Miss Virgie Hale for the able manner in which she rendered instrumental music.
10. That we thank Prof. John Burk for his recitations in entertaining the teachers.
11. That we thank the good people of Louisa for their hospitality and encouragement and courtesy.

W. M. BYINGTON
ISAAC CUNNINGHAM,
DON C. BELCHER.

ILLITERACY IN THE STATE.
The Kentucky Illiteracy Commission has been giving out some statements in regard to the number of illiterates in the various counties. In some instances this has been resented by school officials, who are somewhat disposed to question the figures.

The census of 1910 showed the number of illiterates in every county in the State. There is no reason to doubt that the census figures were correct and they probably are being used by the Illiteracy Commission. There may have been some reduction in the number of illiterates since the Federal census was taken, but this is doubtful. There is a considerable influx of foreign population in the counties of Eastern Kentucky and much of this immigration is illiterate.

There has been reduction in some localities undoubtedly. This is true of Rowan county and some other counties where special efforts have been directed to that end. Illiteracy could be practically wiped out in a comparatively short time if it were possible to enlist every county actively in the campaign for its elimination. There is nothing to be gained by debating the question as to whether the number of illiterates in any certain county is a hundred or a thousand. Whatever the number it is too large and the time that is wasted in discussion could be put to better use.

It is known to all who are any wise familiar with the situation that there is too much illiteracy in Kentucky; that the State ranks low educationally as compared with the great majority of States of the Union. The disgrace of this condition lies not so much in the fact that the illiteracy exists as in the indifference with which it is tolerated. The Federal census of 1910 showed distinct educational gain. If we can make a better showing in 1920 there will be cause for congratulation.—Courier Journal.

KENTUCKY COKE PRODUCTION.

Coke is manufactured in Kentucky from coal mined in both the eastern and western parts of the State, but are in large part among the high-grade coking coals of the Appalachian field, most of the coke, until the last two years, has been made in the western district, which is part of the Illinois-Indiana field. Since the recent extensive coal-mining developments in the Elkhorn district of Pike and Harlan counties, however, coke ovens have been built and the principal coking activities have shifted to the eastern part of the State, and Kentucky is now assuming some importance as a coke-manufacturing State. The production has increased from less than 50,000 tons in 1909 to 191,555 tons in 1912 and to 217,984 tons in 1913. During 1913 a plant of 54 Seneb-Solvay by-product ovens and 50 new beehive ovens were constructed, and by a coincidence 104 ovens were abandoned, so that the total number in existence at the close of 1913 was the same (1049) as the close of 1912.

DROWNED IN OHIO RIVER.

Vanceburg, Ky., July 20.—Miss Daisy Chalkley, 18 years old, of Carr's Station, was drowned Sunday. She was the daughter of Roger Chalkley, one of the oldest engineers in point of service on the Cincinnati division of the C. & O. railway. Miss Chalkley, with a party of friends, was bathing in the Ohio river at a landing near her father's farm. The body was recovered.

SWIFT SILVER MINE AGAIN "DISCOVERED."

Lexington, Ky., July 11.—The mystery surrounding the location of the famous Swift silver mine, of Eastern Kentucky, which has been diligently sought during the last 100 years by prospectors and adventurers and which has been reported as having been discovered in a score of counties in the Southeastern Kentucky mountains at various times, only to prove a hoax, has, it is believed, at last been solved by the recent find of silver on the land of Miss Lulu Derrickson, of this city, and her brother, John H. Derrickson, of Jackson, situated near Beattyville, Lee county, Ky., together with relics of John Swift, the reputed owner, which go to prove that the original Swift mine may have been at this particular spot.

The evidence submitted by the Derricksons to prove their claim is arousing much interest among the people of that section as well as mining experts at the State University in this city.

John Derrickson is a well-known lumberman, who has for some time been engaged in prospecting for timber in the Eastern Kentucky mountains. Recently while examining a tract of timber on the upper Kentucky river in Lee county he was attracted by glittering nuggets on the banks of a small stream which wended its way through the surrounding woods. Examining them more closely he was convinced that they contained both lead and silver.

The ground around was literally honey-combed with the shiny ore and in looking about him to discover the extent of the deposits he discovered in the nearby cliff a cavern. Entering this he was surprised to find fragments of the metal, and further in evidence of where someone had been in the cave. There were remains of burnt logs, so old as to be almost rotten, fragments of tools, a melting pot and a human skull, while carved in the rock wall of the cavern was the name Mundy, a man who is now known to have been interested with John Swift in the working of his mysterious silver mine.

His Interest Aroused.

Mr. Derrickson had of course heard of the Swift silver mine in his prospecting tours through the Eastern Kentucky mountains, and his interest was now deeply aroused by the discoveries he had made.

On leaving the cavern, however, and making further explorations in the vicinity he was gratified to make another find, which confirmed his suspicion that he had actually stumbled on the site of the long-lost Swift silver mine. This convincing proof was in the shape of an inscription on a rock near the entrance of the cavern, which evidently had been carved many years before and which time had almost covered up and obliterated with its age-old black grime common on rocky surfaces exposed to the elements.

This inscription was nothing more nor less than the name of John Swift, the reputed owner of the famous mine, and near it the name of Mundy, his "Man-Friday." Underneath these names was the date, also carved in the solid rock, 1812, showing that it has been more than 100 years since Swift had placed his mark on the spot where it is believed he procured the precious ore which has made him famous as a plutocrat of pioneer days in Kentucky.

After making these discoveries Mr. Derrickson decided to have the ore found on the site assayed, and some of it was brought to this city and turned over to the mineral experts at the College of Mines, State University, for analysis. Examination of these specimens shows that a large percentage of the ore is lead, but that it contains a sufficient quantity of silver to justify the reopening of the mine and of working it, as was done by John Swift and his associates.

Purchases the Land.

Without disclosing to anybody his discovery, or without intimating to anyone that he thought he had at last found the famous Swift silver mine, Mr. Derrickson interested his sister in the find and later they purchased the land.

Miss Derrickson, in an interview here, stated that it is the intention of her and her brother to develop the silver ore on the land and that with modern mining methods much better results might be obtained now than "old man" John Swift and his associates obtained more than a century ago with their crude operations.

Mr. and Miss Derrickson are both convinced that they own the land on which the real Swift silver mine was located and are prepared, they say, to furnish the proof by exhibiting the relics which have been described above.

A "DRY" TOWN EPISODE.

A prominent woman of Huntington "put one over" on her husband recently when a wagon drove up to her door with ten gallons of fine whiskey. She told the driver it couldn't be possible that the whiskey was for them, but he declared it was and insisted on unloading it, which he did, taking it to the cellar. She went to the phone and called up her husband who is a business man of that place, and asked him if it was not a mistake, but he said no, that he had ordered it when the city went dry that they might have it for medicinal purposes, camphor, etc. She very promptly responded alright, and hanging up the receiver called up the drug store and asked them to send up ten pounds of camphor. When the package reached her she proceeded to put one pound into each gallon of this high priced whiskey, and no doubt her husband will find that he has sufficient camphor to last him a life time.

HOLDEN, W. VA.

Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Adkins and took from their little twin babies.

Miss Garnet Thompson has returned from Cincinnati, where she has been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Holbrook attended the ball game Sunday evening.

Work at Holden is fine. Mines running every day.

James Johnson is team driver this week.

Henry O'Brien was shopping at Holden Monday.

Alvin Holbrook is keeping borders.

STEAMBOAT BILL.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Loar, of Huntington, was here Saturday.

Dr. Marcum, of Torchlight, was in Louisa Wednesday.

Dr. W. A. Rice, of Fallsburg, was here on Monday.

Dr. Gilbert, of Portsmouth, was in Louisa this week.

Mrs. C. T. York has returned from a visit in Paintsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Haws visited in Ashland Sunday.

John Horton has returned from a visit to Prestonsburg.

Mrs. J. H. Steiner, of Ludlow, is visiting Mrs. A. C. Ferrell.

Elliott Arnett, of Spaulding, W. Va., was in Louisa this week.

Leslie Hill, of Charleston, W. Va., is visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. Nathaniel Day and Miss Nola McClure left Thursday for Mt. Sterling.

R. L. Vinson went to Cincinnati last Friday and returned the following day.

Miss Sallie Cheffin, of Logan, W. Va., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. McClure.

Dr. C. B. Walter made a professional trip to Whitehouse Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. R. L. Vinson and nephew are visiting her sister, Mrs. Morris, at Edinburg, Ind.

J. B. McClure and son, Andrew, went to Cincinnati last week and remained a few days.

Miss Garnett Faulkner, of Catlettsburg, was the week-end guest of Miss Nora Conley.

Miss Edith Marcum accompanied Mrs. R. L. Vinson to Edinburg, Ind., last week.

Mrs. E. A. Gordon, who has been visiting Mrs. Albert Murray, has returned to Huntington.

Mr. C. D. Clarke, of Putney, W. Va., is the guest of his relative, Mrs. Sammie Ferrell Clarke.

Mrs. D. C. Spencer and daughter, Dorothy, are visiting relatives at Buffalo, Johnson county.

Misses Eulah Conley and Hester Ward returned to Paintsville Tuesday after a visit to Mrs. J. H. Preston.

Mrs. Frank Freese left Monday for Cannel City, accompanied by her grandchildren, Sam, Mary and Morton Freese.

Elijah B. Brown, the blind musician and piano tuner of Henrietta, was in Louisa Tuesday and called at the NEWS office.

Mrs. S. A. Ferrell and sister, Miss Helen McCoy, of Eugene, W. Va., were the guests of the family of Dr. Ira Wellman Wednesday.

Misses Zada Turman and Lucy Ross, of Buchanan, attended the Sunday School convention and were guests of Miss Flora Ferguson.

Mrs. T. J. Snyder and daughter, Mrs. Carrie Snyder Burns, are in Springfield, Ohio, called there by the serious illness of Mrs. A. C. McClure.

R. A. Bickel, of Huntington, was in Louisa Wednesday. He and Mrs. Bickel have just returned from an automobile trip through Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, of Fort Gay, have returned from Arizona, where for several years they had been employed in the U. S. Indian service.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sonner and daughter, Miss Chattie, of Ashland, came Saturday to visit relatives here and in this vicinity. They returned home Monday.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Fifty years ago Saturday, July 18, 1864, President Lincoln issued a call for 500,000 additional volunteers to continue the war.

The call came as a dash of cold water to the hopes of the Union men in the Northern States. General Grant had fought his way from the Rapidan to Petersburg after a series of bloody battles that weakened the Union army to the extent of nearly 100,000 men, and hope had been running high that the end of the war was near. The call for such an immense body of new troops was interpreted by many as meaning that both the President and General Grant despaired of breaking through the Confederate defenses at Petersburg without a much larger army and a greater sacrifice of life.

Friends of Mr. Lincoln at Washington and elsewhere deplored the necessity of the call and feared that it would have bad effects upon the Presidential campaign. The three or four weeks that followed made up one of the most discouraging periods of the whole war to Union men, for volunteers came in very slowly, but the tension lessened with General Sherman's successes in the South.

In the next issue of the NEWS will appear the display ad of The John M. Sagraves Co., of Huntington, W. Va., calling attention to their advertising campaign which is to be conducted in the store of Blankenship & Davis, near the C. & O. depot, Louisa, for one week only, beginning August 3rd. During this demonstration people will have an opportunity to see the very best Range made, and Mr. Sagraves will personally conduct this demonstration. A "Never Burn" potato baker and a number of useful souvenirs will be given free to anyone who will see the Range demonstrated. The main purpose of the demonstration is to advertise this Range. Remember that you do not have to buy the Range in order to get the free souvenirs, however, if you purchase a Range during the demonstration you get a \$12.00 set of high grade Aluminum ware free. Watch this paper for the advertisement next week. (adv. 11.)

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My Removal Into the Commodious Burgess Building, and also to Reduce My Stock of Summer Goods I am handing out Some Real Bargains in all Lines.

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Clothing for Men and Boys, Shoes for Men, Women and Children, Gents Furnishings of all kinds.

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LOUISA, - - KENTUCKY

SUGAR LOAF CREEK.

Misses Ora Layne and Celia Merritt were the guests of Miss Gypay Burdett Sunday.

The boys had a nice ball game at this place Sunday.

Mrs. Rhoda Burchett, of Cow Creek, was baptized at this place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunter took dinner with Mrs. Willie Merritt Sunday.

John Dillon was the guest of Jack Dillon Sunday.

Misses Maggie Dillon and Gladys Merritt attended church here Friday.

Billie Martin passed here Sunday. There was church here Sunday by Bro. Asa Stratton, of Banner, Ky.

Home Merritt and wife visited Mrs. Lily Merritt Sunday.

Everybody is preparing for foot-washing at this place the third Sunday in August.

PRETTY GIRL.

Wiley G. Prather and wife have gone to Grayson, where they will reside. They moved from the old Meek place, about four miles from this city.

United States paint is the best medium priced article on the market. At Snyder's store.

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